

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021
6:00 P.M.

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ABOVE SCHEDULED
WORKSHOP

1/21/2021 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, and Drew Jones; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; HR Clerk Becky Harden; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Commissioner Gowen was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Everett.

WORKSHOP NOTES:

The Board of Commissioners discussed the following:

A. Personnel Policy Amendments - changing from civil service to at will, shorten grievance procedure, and abolish personnel review board and present to outside Attorney for hearing.

B. Finance Policy Proposals - updating finance policy.

C. Enhanced 911 - Sheriff Robert Phillips was present and discussed Enhanced 911 procedures. He presented Resolutions that will need to be considered for establishing E911. Sheriff Phillips asked for approval to run the 911 Center by renewing of Contract every 4 years. By providing E911, more dispatchers will be on duty, will give us access to pull up location and picture of house, locate cellphones, and will roll over to Camden/Brantley County when needed. An Advisory Board, consisting of public safety agencies, which respond to emergency calls under the 911 system and individuals who have knowledge of emergency needs of all local governments, businesses, and citizens within Charlton County will be appointed (not to exceed 10 members).

Proposals for the above discussions will be provided to the Board and considered at next BOC meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve January 21, 2021 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve January 7, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Financial Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE BIDS

Ambulance bids were presented as follows:

Custom Truck - \$216,058.00

First Class EV - \$179,995.00

Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to First Class EV for \$179,995.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NORTON IRRIGATION INVOICE

Commissioner Crews made motion to amend purchase order of \$10,000.00 and change to \$24,688.00, to be paid out of 2020 general budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. ST MARYS RIVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of St. Marys River Management Committee 2020 Annual Report.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF QUITCLAIM DEED AND PT 61 FOR CONVEYANCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of Transmittal of Quit Claim Deed and PT 61 for the conveyance of approximately 2 acres of property, being known as the Okefenokee Heritage Education Center, in Charlton County SPC #498.06. Recorded Quit Claim Deed becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Resolution to Submit an Application to Obtain FY 2021 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHIP 2021 GRANT APPLICATION CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve CHIP 2021 Grant Application Certified Assurances. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Certification becomes integral of Minutes.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2021 LMIG REQUEST

Commissioner Benefield made motion to apply and submit 2021 LMIG Project Report to be used for the base and paving of Briarwood and Grace Chapel 3 for \$490,674.96; and gather estimate for Third Street. If it is within budget consider postponing Briarwood and Grace Chapel, in favor of Third Street. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF DECEMBER, 2020 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of December, 2020 Wellness Report.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

None.

15. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Crews made motion to enter executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett declared meeting open at 7:50 p.m. and stated possible litigation was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

Commissioner Crews made motion to authorize County Attorney Adams to submit payment, on behalf of Charlton County, to Georgia Southern for \$12,106.46 for training of Deputy Jonathan Chancy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

17. NEXT MEETING:

Next BOC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room.

18. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion that meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk